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GOOD JUNIOR CITIZENS - As part of the Citizenship curriculum, Elk Point Elementary School's ECS KA class and teacher Debbie Wood spent a sunny morning spring cleaning the Spray Park, ready for fun when warmer weather arrives and the water supply is turned on for the season. Diane Dewan photo

Assessment drop offsets mill rate increase

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

An assessment drop of just over \$7 million will bring about the second annual mill rate increase for Elk Point ratepayers, after seven years when they remained virtually unchanged.

However, due to the drop in assessment, many ratepayers will not see an increase in their property tax, CAO Ken Gwozdz told town council, as he handed out a sheet listing sample residential, non residential and business properties and the changes in tax totals resulting from the increase in tax rates and decreased assessment.

The Town of Elk Point requires \$1,503,950 in operating revenue and general reserves of \$334,088, even after budgets were trimmed and re-trimmed, with a small \$27,933 increase in operating costs and reserves required for this year down \$97,519 from last year's figures.

The 2019 school requisition is still anybody's guess, with the town and many municipalities across the province are taking the risk and going with last

year's figures in order to get tax notices out in a timely fashion. The MD Foundation requisition is up by \$5,832 and the Designated Industrial Property requisition has more than doubled, going from \$108 to \$247.

This year's tax rate for residential, farmland, condominiums and four-plexes is 10.519 mills, up from 10.395 in 2018, while non-residential with improvements is \$23.024 mills, compared to 22.899 and non-residential vacant is 25.317 mills, compared to 25.913 last year. Machinery and equipment went from 19.136 to 19.225 mills, non-residential with improvements and linear which are designated industrial property (DIP), which was a new taxation category last year, went from 22.933 mills to 23.135 mills. GIL provincial tax rates saw the largest increase, from 7.548 to 8.548 mills.

With Tax Rate Bylaw 815/19 now on the books, tax notices are scheduled to be sent out this week, with payment due by Aug. 31 in order to avoid addition of penalties.

Council welcomes new RCMP sergeant

Elk Point town council had the opportunity to welcome RCMP Sgt. David Henry to Elk Point at last Monday's meeting, and were pleased to hear that he

is "excited to be here. I'm a small town guy and I like this community."

Sgt. Henry, a 14-year member of the force, has served in St. Albert, Airdrie and St. Paul – Saddle Lake most recently heading the Two Hills detachment on a temporary basis. His background also includes five years as a resource officer in a high school setting.

"I know the area, and I chose to be here. I like the crew I work with," he told council.

With 2,931 calls for five members, the Elk Point detachment is one of the busiest in the province and is rated the highest in crime severity. "My members work hard," Henry commented, noting that the call volume has dropped recently because of the Eastern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit. "They're really hammering, and there are a lot of clients in jail. One got out recently and has another warrant already." The top reasons for the calls range from mischief to mental health, suspicious people and vehicles to break-and-enters and 911 emergencies, he noted. "I've seen crime numbers do nothing but go up, and the drop in calls is encouraging."

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Council

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Henry says his members are doing spot checks in random areas, and says he himself is "a gravel road cop, I like to be where people don't expect me to be," and is encouraging his members to do likewise.

Much of his first weeks have been spent "working through flaws" in the new building, from roof leaks to buying new locks for the flagpoles when the originals disappeared. He hopes to have the whole facility in shape to show off at a grand opening sometime in August.

Henry told council Cpl Bobby Burgess has now left for his new posing, with a new recruit scheduled to arrive at the end of June and another constable transferring in. "I'm pushing for another member, our overtime is high." This is also the time of year when detachment commanders complete their annual performance plans, and "I want to know what you think. I'm focusing on rural crime and traffic," he said.

Parking limits

A request for council to review the 72-hour parking limit on Elk Point streets was brought forward from a Public Works meeting, with Coun. Terri Hampson noting that the limit would require residents to move vehicles

during a long weekend to avoid ticketing, and that some residents do not use their vehicles on a daily basis. The seasonal parking limit of 96 hours was also touched on in the discussion, with further consideration tabled to the June 6 Public Works meeting.

Line of Credit

Council passed all three readings of a bylaw allowing administration to borrow up to \$1 million under the town's line of credit for town operations. This line of credit must be renewed annually.

Sewer backup

A landowner whose basement was flooded in January due to a clogged sewer on town property visited council to ask for financial assistance in replacing items her insurance had not covered. This matter has now been referred to the town's insurer.

Hen request denied

The City of Lacombe has an Urban Hen Pilot Project, but the Town of Elk Point has no intention at this time of following suit. The request by the second local resident in as many months to be allowed to have hens in their backyard was turned down by council.

Letter of support

Approval was given to a letter of support being sent to Subway by the Mayor's office that outlines the community's current economic status

and how it affects local businesses, including the local franchise.

New doctor

Long awaited news was received April 29 from Alberta Health Services, informing council that Dr. Adenike Ashaolu would start her practice in Elk Point on May 13 with her office in the same building as Dr. Oyeboade, and will be joining the emergency rotation at the Healthcare Centre in the coming days. She will bring her family to Elk Point from Winnipeg in August, and the Town plans to welcome the family with a barbecue co-hosted by the County of St. Paul at that time.

Also on the subject of medical care, council was made aware that improvements are needed for locum accommodation for both doctors and nurses, possibly in the form of a bed and breakfast, the use of which would be paid for through the locum system.

Auto Club

Council received their annual letter from the Elk Point Auto Club and approved the use of Main Street on June 1 for the club's Show and Shine. They also received a letter from Lakeland Tire asking for use of the street between the former TD Bank and the PharmaChoice drug-store for a Burn Out Competition in conjunction with the Show and Shine. This was also approved.

Walleye Tournament

Council received information a letter from the Elk Point and District Lions Club, which is hosting their annual Moose Lake Walleye Classic on June 21 and 22 involving 110 boats and offering \$75,000 in cash and prizes.

Emergency Services

Golf Tournament

Elk Point Emergency Services are holding their 20th annual golf tournament in support of STARS on Wednesday, June 5 and have invited the town to once again sponsor and participate in the event. Council voted to donate \$500 in sponsorship, with anyone interested in taking part in the tournament to pay his or her own admittance.

PLAYSAFE: Don't Let It Happen to You

The War Amps new "kids-to-kids" safety video, featuring stories from young amputees who have lost limbs in accidents, delivers the hard-hitting but positive message: "Spot the danger before you play!"

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The War Amps

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TOWN-WIDE CLEAN-UP - A cool and windy afternoon didn't stop volunteers of all ages, from 4-H members, leaders and parents (left), retirees and retail merchants and their staff (above), the fire chief and firefighters and at least one town councillor (not shown) from sprucing up the community on Wednesday. Good job, everyone!

New events featured in Canada Day lineup

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

New partners and new ideas will be part of Elk Point's 2019 Canada Day celebrations, with donations coming in and the event lineup shaping up well under the guidance of planning committee chair Sherry Oszust.

Both the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul have contributed to the event and business donations are arriving on a regular basis, those donations especially welcome in a year when the committee did not receive a federal grant for the celebrations.

The day will once again kick off with the Elk Point Municipal Library's pancake breakfast, followed by the parade

overseen by the Elk Point Lions Club and this year judged by the TOPS group.

Bounce castles both in the arena for the tiny tots and outdoors for the bigger kids, the dunk tank and other games are back on the agenda, along with Canada Day cupcakes, food vendors and a beer garden.

This year's stage entertainment will feature Edmonton singer and songwriter Ben Sures, who is part of the Home Roots concert tour lineup, as well as some very talented performers from the Silhouette Dance Group.

One new addition is the Elk Point Firefighters' Car Smash, which will take place on the outdoor rink, with everyone, for a small fee, welcome to take a whack at the vehicle that will also

be used in an extrication demonstration.

Another new addition is a pie eating contest, which is currently still in the planning stages. Booked but still in the final planning stages is laser tag in the A. G. Ross Arena from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. with length of time slots and fees yet to be determined, and bookings will

be taken in advance.

An outdoor movie, once again provided by the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS, will entertain with 'Guardians of the Galaxy 2' at dusk. As usual, a fireworks display will again wrap up a full day of celebration for Canada's 152nd birthday.

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The runners start at 9 a.m. in St. Paul with a loop around that community, and the first runners are expected to finish the 42 km route in Elk Point around noon. Come down to the finish line near the EcoCentre and cheer them as they arrive!

MAY 31 2019

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child is five years old, or will be five years old by February 28, 2020, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

Please stop by the Elk Point Elementary School office for a registration form and/or attend the pre-registration meeting hosted by Mrs. Wood on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Kindergarten classroom.

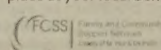
All new registrations must present a birth certificate and an Alberta Health Care Card number to the school office before school commencement in September 2019.

"Learning Is A Journey"



JUNE 2 - 8, 2019 SENIORS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

You are invited to join us in celebrating our seniors during our Seniors Week celebrations. The County of St. Paul FCSS will be providing hotdogs, refreshments and ice cream in your community during the week of June 2nd to 8th. All gatherings will take place at your local Senior Center.



HEINSBURG SENIORS
TUESDAY JUNE 4th

MALLAIG SENIORS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 5th

ASHMONT SENIORS
THURSDAY JUNE 6th

ELK POINT SENIORS
FRIDAY JUNE 7th

All BBQ's will be held at local Seniors Halls

Between
11am - 1pm

EDITORIAL

Let's keep it clean!

The Elk Point 4-H Club stated the movement on May 4, when they scoured the highway ditches north of town. Since then, everyone from kindergarten children to seniors has pitched in to clean up Elk Point, with those same 4-H members and their families coming in on Wednesday to help with the town clean-up.

When they were finished, it all looked great, but just like housecleaning, we know that it will soon get that 'lived-in look' if we don't all keep on top of things. Everything from stray plastic bags to discarded take-out coffee cups has a way of spreading itself across the community and surrounding area in no time at all, and let's face it, that doesn't look pretty.

What if we all put one of those stray plastic bags in our vehicles, and put all those candy wrappers, coffee cups in it? Yes, there are no longer recycle bins at the post office for the flyers and junk mail we don't want, but we can stockpile those in another of those bags and haul it out to the transfer station when it's full, with the rest of our newspaper, cardboard and plastic recycling from home. You do recycle, don't you? That's why those bins are there, and it's up to us to use them.

YOUR VIEWS

Boat sober this summer

North American Safe Boating Awareness Week will take place across Canada from May 18th to May 24th, 2019. Safe Boating Awareness Week, managed by the CSBC (Canadian Safe Boating Council) and its partners, has been created to promote safe and responsible boating practices to the estimated 16 million recreational boaters across Canada.

Although boating related fatalities have trended downwards in past years, there continues to be an average of over 100 boating related deaths annually in Canadian waters. With Canadians preparing to launch their boats after a long winter slumber, the goal of Safe Boating Awareness Week is to continue to reduce fatalities by ensuring that boaters who head out in any type of vessel have the knowledge and equipment to help them have a safe day on the water.

The timing of the week, starting on the Victoria Day long weekend, is perfectly aligned with the unofficial start of summer and a time when many boating fatalities occur.

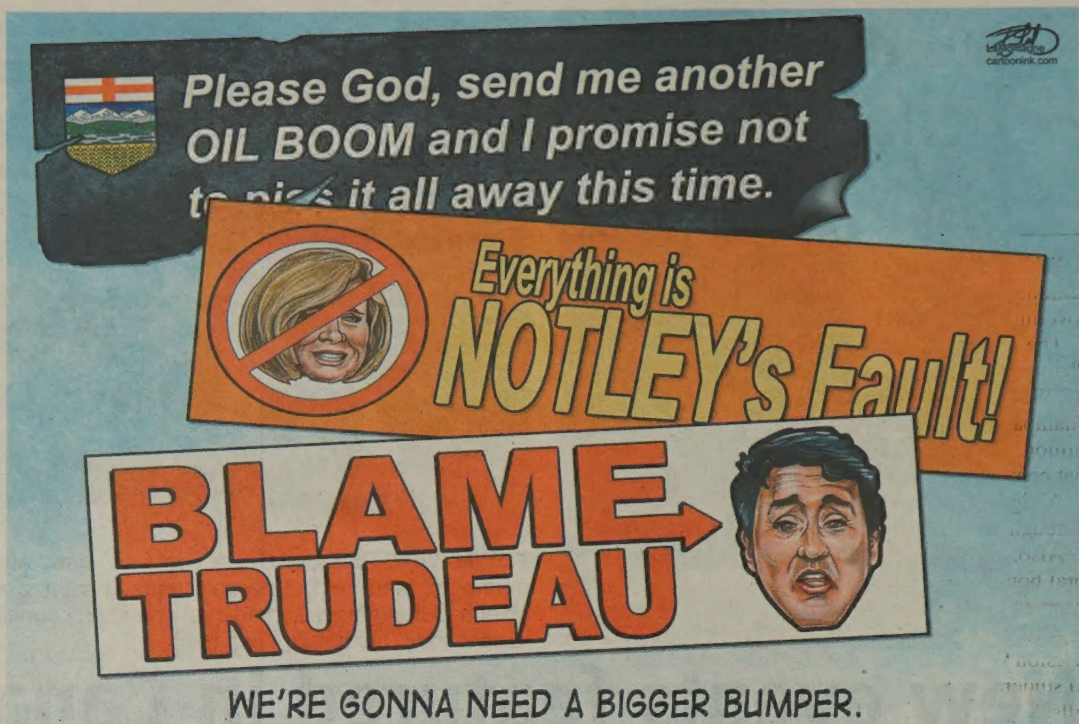
The CSBC and its partners will be promoting five key messages, all directed towards the most common boating related accidents. They include:

- Wear a life jacket
- Boat sober
- Take a boating course
- Be prepared – both you and your vessel
- Be aware of the risks of cold water immersion

Boat Sober Focus

The legalization of cannabis is causing concern for boating safety advocate groups, enforcement agencies and first responders alike. Alcohol has been proven to be a contributing factor in approximately 40 per cent of all boating fatalities across Canada. The legalization of recreational cannabis has the potential to significantly increase this statistic.

The Safe Boating Awareness Week initiative is promoted by the Canadian Safe Boating Council, a registered charity, with support from its members, partners and Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety.



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1984

Thirty-seven members of F. G. Miller High School's Class of 1984 looked "Beyond the Horizons" at their graduation ceremonies from a stage framed by white, pink and burgundy streamers, where Michael Palamarek gave the valedictory address and Ray Danyluk announced the inception of the Gordie Miller Memorial Trust Fund for young sports competitors from the school.

1989

A five-member archaeological team arrived in Elk Point to probe the past of Fort George and Buckingham House fur trade forts, with several new pits dug at the sites and the first artifact, a scalloped edged rock that may have been used as a chopper, already on display at the project's office.

1994

Elk Point Rodeo shook its reputation as a 'rain-maker' event with good weather for both performances, a huge contrast to the previous two years, when the grounds and infield were deep in mud. Jon Olson and Curtis Porcina shared Playoff MVP honours, Terry Wozniak was named Best Defenseman and Jeff Buck Most Dedicated Player at the awards banquet for the Sask-Alta Champion Elk Point Elks hockey team.

1999

Downtown Elk Point would receive a much-needed shot in the arm as part of the summer's street improvement project, with a new look for downtown sidewalks with brick inserts and a pavement overlay. Elk Point Community Choir's Spring Concert drew a near-capacity crowd as they prepared for the summer's concert tour of the Maritimes.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

2004

Elk Point really cleaned up, with twice as much hazardous waste collected as the previous year, including four barrels of paint and more than two of chemicals, at the CNRL-sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Roundup. Town Council passed its mill rate bylaw a full month ahead of the previous year's, with a .601 mill increase over 2003 figures.

2009

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce approved four bids totaling \$221,882.22 for construction of the Elk Point Tourist Information Eco Centre, the contracts going to Rangeland Energy, Jonny's Electrical Ltd., Trademark Mechanical and Painter's Pallet and the total cost of the project estimated at \$346,900. Coun. Mark Gormley was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for a nine-month term.

2014

Mill rates in four of Elk Point's five property tax categories would remain the same as in 2013, after town council gave the 2014 mill rate bylaw the required three readings.



NO ACCIDENT - In this re-enactment of a fatal crash, RCMP Sgt. Dave Casey and Elk Point Victim Services comfort the mother of a teen who died after being ejected in a vehicle rollover, staged as part of a P.A.R.T.Y. Program for students of F. G. Miller and Myrnam High Schools.

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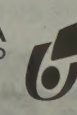
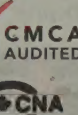
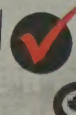


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Provincial budget delay challenges SPERD

JANICE HUSER
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While it is budget season, St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) administration has noted that there are challenges since the newly elected provincial government won't be releasing a full budget until the fall.

The process has involved some assumptions, explained secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne, for example, regarding which grants may or may not continue.

"We have well over \$1 million tied up in some of these grants," he said. Champagne added that the division is still looking at reductions of \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. Declining enrolment and increased operating costs are some of the factors that come into play.

A significant decrease in enrolment, for example, has been seen in Elk Point, although, enrolment at St. Paul Elementary has increased, heard the board.

Also, SPERD now has three MLAs representing its schools, due to the electoral boundaries being redrawn since the previous election. The division does have reserves to use, which will make a more orderly transition, said Champagne.

And while financial responsibility has helped keep class sizes small, the school division is running out of that "slush fund," said Brodziak. He noted that a class of 30 students can be difficult for teachers, but a class of 15 students "doesn't pay the bills."

"We're challenged in every corner of the division," said Starosielski.

Alerts

The board has approved a motion to move forward with putting an app in place by the fall that would alert parents of students to specific situations, such as school bus cancellations, or buses being sent home early.

"But this also can expand," said Starosielski, noting the app can go beyond transportation if the division chooses to. The cost of the app will be about \$9,100 in the first year.

Seeding nearly complete

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

Seeding in the County of St. Paul is between 65 and 75 per cent complete. That's according to Keith Kornelson, Agricultural Fieldman for the county.

"Because we haven't had any moisture, the land dried up pretty quickly. Farmers haven't had any environmental issues standing in their way," said Kornelson, midway through the week last week.

He said the main crops being seeded right now are canola and wheat, while farmers who sowed field peas have likely already finished putting them in.

"There are some specialized crops that are starting to show up more. Hemp is one of them, and faba beans. Those are the main two that are newer crops in our area. There are still some peas out there, I'm not sure of the acreages in our area, but it's still a minor crop. There's barley too, but those are usually seeded later than wheat and canola because they don't take as long to mature," said Kornelson.

He said the main thing the county wants producers to remember while they are out seeding this spring is the importance of managing their risk for coming in contact with clubroot.

When they're moving their equipment, knock off all the big lumps of soil

on their equipment before they move to the next field. The biggest thing is the disease of clubroot is carried in the soil, and so that would be the biggest thing we're concerned about is taking the time to knock the big lumps of soil off their equipment," said Kornelson.

Clubroot is a disease that infects the roots of canola and other similar plants, causing reduced yields. It spreads through the soil and is considered near impossible to eradicate once a field is infected.

The County of St. Paul passed strengthened clubroot policy at the Feb. 12 council meeting. Under the new policy, clubroot positive fields are posted to the County of St. Paul's website, and producers may not seed canola or other cruciferous crops for three years, and may only seed a clubroot resistant variety in the fourth year.

According to Kornelson, the county checks every field seeded with canola for clubroot over the summer.

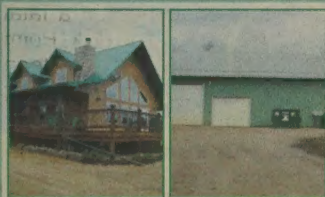
"It's about 700 fields in the county that we check. We go to every field, pull 50 plants and if we find a plant that looks like it has clubroot we send it in for lab analysis, and after that we contact the producer if it's positive. But it's pretty easy to tell when you pull the plant, I don't know if I've ever sent one in that's come back negative," he explained.

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HIGHLIGHTS

May 14, 2019 Council Meeting

2019 Property Tax Notices - were mailed on May 10. If you do not receive your notice, contact Carolyn at 645-3301, ext. 215 to ensure that the County has your correct mailing address on file.

Tax Rate Bylaw - Council approved the 2019 Tax Rate Bylaw. Based on the requirements of the 2019 capital and operational budget, Council has increased the municipal tax rate on residential properties by 0.25. Other municipal tax rates remain unchanged. Residential properties did, in some cases, see decreases to assessment based on decreases in market values. As the County has not received the School Requisition from the Province, the school tax was estimated with an overall increase of \$11,673. If the requisition from the Province is different than the estimated amount, the 2020 school mill rate will be adjusted accordingly.

Fundraising Opportunity for Non-Profit Organizations

- The County is looking for a group to assist with clean up after the rodeo performances. The group will work with another group selected by the Town of St. Paul and will receive a \$1250 honorarium from the Town of St. Paul. The group who cleans after the rodeo performances this year will then work the rodeo supper in 2020 and receive all the proceeds from the supper (estimated \$2700 to \$3300). If you are interested in this fundraiser or would like more information, contact Phyllis at 780-645-3301, ext. 203.

ISDAB Board Member - The County of St. Paul is looking for one member-at-large for the Inter Municipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The purpose of the ISDAB is to hear and rule on subdivision appeals or appeals on a development permit in the St. Paul - Elk Point Region. If you require more information or are interested in becoming a member, apply to pcorbiere@county.stpaul.ab.ca

Municipal Parks - Council approved a Parks Bylaw 2019-09, a set of rules governing access to and conduct within Municipal Parks. This information can be viewed on the County website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca under The County/Campgrounds. Online campground reservations can also be made from the County website.

Assessment Open Houses - Open houses to discuss assessment concerns will be held on June 11 and June 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the County Office. Assessors from Accurate Assessment Group will be on hand to discuss your assessment concerns. Contact Crystal at 780-645-3301, ext. 202 to book your appointment.

MCSNet Fiber Optic line to Hamlet of Mallaig - Council approved an agreement permitting Buried Glass Inc. to install the fiber optic line in the County Right-of-Way. In exchange, the County will receive free internet servicing to the Mallaig Fire Hall and the Mallaig Water Treatment Plan for 60 months.

Funding Support:

- \$500 - Skills Canada Alberta Provincial Competition - Regional High School
- \$500 - Badminton Provincials - Regional High Schools
- \$500 - Girls Team Handball Provincials - Mallaig School
- \$1,000 - Transportation Grant - Heritage Lodge Auxiliary Society
- \$2,000 - St. Paul & District Arts Foundation

The County Office will be open during the lunch hour from June 3 to July 2 to accommodate ratepayers during property tax season. The Office will be closed on Monday, July 1 in recognition of Canada Day.

For more information contact
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Community Advisory Policing Committee shares concerns

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and Area Community Advisory Policing Committee got its first glimpse of the new Elk Point RCMP Detachment, as they held their May 8 meeting in the conference room of the new facility, with newly arrived Sgt. David Henry joining them for the meeting and explaining that a facility tour would have to wait until the finishing touches are completed. "I'm looking at an open house in August, but there's a lot to do yet."

County of St. Paul Couns. Darrell Younghans and Kevin Wirsta said there are "big changes in upper management" at the county office, with the CAO on medical leave and the public works superintendent

resigning. Trees still need to be removed at the end of the Elk Point airport runway for visibility when landing larger aircraft, and "big tenders" are out for road projects in various areas of the county. "We're contracting out some of our road work," Younghans said. "We took a step back on new construction and are going to fix the trouble spots."

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch president Orest Sereda spoke on the well-attended fentanyl presentation in St. Paul, and said RCW will once again donate to the RCMP Road Race this year. A new Fish and Wildlife officer will soon be arriving to replace Duane Fleming, who has retired. This year's RCW volunteer appreciation barbecue is scheduled for Farmers' Day, June 14, at the Elk Point Golf and

Country Club.

Josh Bateman reported on behalf of both the Fire Department and the Baptist Church. The Fire Department had attended 47 calls to date in 2019 and has taken part in "really valuable" wildland firefighting training, as well as a water rescue at Two Hills, oil spills, two tanker rollovers, the season's first brush fire and watering greens at the golf course. The department has suffered the loss of former chief Lyle Frisby, with the St. Paul Fire Department dispatching mutual aid to that call. "It hit us very hard." This year's 20th Annual STARS Golf Tournament will be dedicated to Frisby's memory as it was an event "close to Lyle's heart" throughout its history, with close to a quarter million dollars raised over that time, and the team fees going straight to STARS at this year's event once again.

Elk Point Baptist Church youth group baked cookies and delivered them to the RCMP, Fire Department and ambulance staff. The youth group is going strong and is connecting with other youth groups in the area, winding up for the summer on June 1.

Levina Ewasiuk said local seniors are concerned regarding homeless people living in bushes and sheds. Parking at the school is a problem for people who must carry items in for events. She also was concerned that there is no integration program for released offenders.

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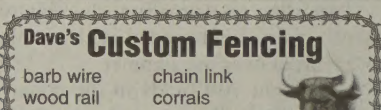
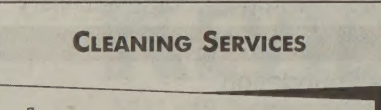
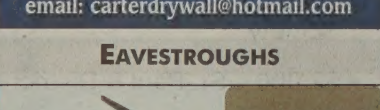
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about homeless people, some
of whom were reportedly
sleeping in the post office
lobby. A comment was made
that "it takes a community
to support people who are
struggling."Bylaw Officer Krysten
Burton has been busy setting
traps, with gophers "a huge
problem," and strychnine not
an option in town. She has
captured 14 cats and returned
or re-homed all but two who
were taken to the SPCA, and
one dog that was returned to
its owner. There has been a
huge decrease in the number
of people not renewing their
animal licenses, with only
four outstanding. Next year,
she said, there will be penal-ties for late renewals. Burton
has also been on the watch
for parking infractions and
will soon be out checking on
weeds and grass infractions
under the unsightly premises
bylaw, as well as working in
the administration office as
the executive assistant.Sgt. Henry said his first
week in Elk Point was spent
"catching up on files." A
new member is coming at
the end of June and the cor-
poral's position to replace
Cpl Bobby Burgess is being
advertised. He will also lose
a senior constable when that
member sells his house. "We
may be a little short for the
summer." Fishing Like now
has a full time member on
site. Regarding the problem
with homeless people, he
feels Elk Point doesn't have
a problem, compared to St.
Paul. He has arranged for
rehabilitation for released
offenders in St. Paul, but said
few have taken it.**Second
meeting
cancelled**Elk Point council agreed
to cancel the July 22 coun-
cil meeting to allow council-
lors and staff time for summer
holidays. That meeting was
also cancelled last year.**Recreation Master Plan**The draft Regional
Recreation Master Plan was
approved as presented. The
list of Class 'A' facilities was
approved with an amendment
listing St. Paul swimming
pool, Elk Point Allied Arts and
county parks and removing St.
Paul Visual Arts from that
list. The recreation funding
model for Class 'A' facilities
on an equalized assessment
basis was also approved. The
town is requesting that any
future field house should be
Class A and should be located
in Elk Point.**Leaders Caucus**Mayor Young and CAO
Ken Gwozdz were approved
to attend the Municipal
Leaders Conference in Fort
Saskatchewan on June 6.**Public Works**Public Works will hold an
open hose on March 21 from
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.Also coming out of the
Public Works meeting was
discussion of the cemetery
road, where work is already
underway, approval for elect-
ed officials to attend a ICS
course in St. Paul and approv-
al to invite Frog Lake council
to a golf game.



Spring Clean-up time!

Hardworking Elk Point Elementary School students and staff spent Tuesday, May 7 cleaning up the school playgrounds and along the fences of the winter's accumulation of trash. Good job, everyone, it looks great!

Diane Dewan photos



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ASB Equipment

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Miscellaneous

Loadline Converter (No current CVIP)
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